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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 1996, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1996

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. ROGERS].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 10, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable HAROLD ROGERS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray, gracious God, that we will be wise custodians of the gifts that You have made available to us and to all people. Whether we be young or old and whatever our background or history, whether we have great responsibilities or have power and influence, remind each of us that we are to use our gifts in ways that promote justice and righteousness in the land and peace and freedom in all the world. Remind us that all our gifts are from above and we are to be wise stewards and guardians of all the riches we have received, using these gifts so that in all things we do justice, love mercy, and ever walk humbly with You. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. CHABOT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CHABOT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

REPUBLICAN PARTY RESPECTS WOMEN

(Mrs. FOWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, in this Republican-controlled Congress, women have reached new heights. In addition to the two women committee chairs; the two women subcommittee chairs; the women serving as secretary and vice chair of the Republican conference and the first female clerk of the House, there are a number of women serving in very important, high profile staff jobs.

These women are universally respected on our side of the aisle for their hard work and professionalism. However, that does not seem to hold true for some of our counterparts on the other side. During a hearing yesterday, two Democratic Members publicly questioned the motives of two female Republican staffers based on who their spouses are.

As a working woman myself, I am truly shocked that even after all the gains we have made, some people still believe that we women can't think for ourselves. I am glad, however, that I belong to a party that respects me based on who I am and what I do rather

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